

Agenda of the Joint Meeting of Working Groups I and III
Wednesday 24 September 2008

Morning 10:30 – 12:30
King Faisal room (D263)

- 1) Chair's Introduction

- 2) **Possible adjustments in the programme of work**– overall discussion of issues including questions such as:
 - a) can one-time windfall gains or efficiency gains be identified beyond the US\$ 22.1 million efficiency savings mandated by the 2007 Conference to fund up-front investment costs of reforms (e.g. from early actions, quick wins);
 - b) can adjustments be made in the 2009 programme of work to absorb some initiatives in the IPA;
 - c) use of extra-budgetary resources:
 - i) any possibilities for funding parts of the programme of work during 2009 through firm extra-budgetary resources – freeing resources for investment costs of reform;
 - ii) possibilities for firm voluntary funding commitments to support reform.
 - d) can authorization be given to use FAO reserve funds (e.g. Special Reserve Account).

After a preliminary exchange of views in the joint working groups, issues and detailed modalities could be referred to the Finance Committees for supporting expert advice.